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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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**A HALF-PLATE CAMERA.** State of Lenses and full particulars in writing to "F." Care of Watkins and Co. Hongkong, 5th June, 1896. [1839]

**TO BE LET FURNISHED FOR SIX WEEKS.**

**MOUNTAIN VIEW, No. 6 (2 Sitting and 2 Bedrooms).** For Particulars, apply at once to H.C. WILCOX, 70, Queen's Road, Central. Hongkong, 5th June, 1896. [1240]

**THE** Underigned has received Instructions to Sell by **PUBLIC AUCTION** on **TUESDAY, the 5th June, 1896,** at his Sales Rooms, QUEEN'S ROAD, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c. (for Sundry Accounts) Consisting of—

**DRAWING ROOM FURNITURE.** Consisting of—  
TAPESTRY COVERED SOFA, EASY CHAIRS, CHAIRS, and OTTOMAN, CHEST OF DRAWERS, CENTRE and SIDE TABLES, CARD TABLE, TEA POYS, and MIRROR BRACKETS.

**TEARWOOD MARBLETOP CENTRE and SIDE TABLES.**  
CHIMNEY GLASS, PICTURES, and ORNAMENTS.  
CARPETS and HEARTH RUGS.  
EXTENSION DINING TABLE, SIDEBOARD with Plate Glass, WHATNOTS, GLASS BOOKCASES, and WRITING TABLE.

**CROCKERY, GLASS and PLATED WARE.**  
DOUBLE BRASS and IRON BED-STEADS.  
DOUBLE and SINGLE WARDROBES, with Dressed Glass Doors, CHEST OF DRAWERS, DRESSING TABLE, and MARBLETOP WASHSTANDS.

**One VIOLIN.**  
**One COOKING STOVE.**  
&c. &c.  
TERMS OF SALE—As a Customer, J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 5th June, 1896. [1241]

**NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.**  
**JAPAN-EUROPE LINE.**  
**STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, PORT SAID, MARSEILLES, LONDON, AND ANTWERP.**

**THE** "AGAPANTHUS" will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 6th inst., at 3 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Hongkong, 4th June, 1896. [1235]

**CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
**FOR SINGAPORE AND LONDON.**  
The Company's Steamship

**"HOIHOW."**  
Captain Sains, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 6th inst., at 3 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 5th June, 1896. [1243]

**THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
**FOR SINGAPORE AND LONDON.**  
The Company's Steamship

**"HYSON."**  
J. S. Hogg, Commander, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 17th inst., at 5 p.m. For Freight, etc., apply to HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 5th June, 1896. [1237]

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**"MOYNE."**  
C. H. Kemp, Commander, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 24th inst., at 5 p.m. For Freight, etc., apply to HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 5th June, 1896. [1238]

**"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.**  
**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**  
The Steamship

**"GLAMORGANSHIRE."**  
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, AND STRAITS.

**CONSIGNEES** of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivered will be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 10th inst. will be subject to return.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underigned on or before the 10th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 10th inst., at 5 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 4th June, 1896. [1236]

**PORTLAND CEMENT**  
**J. B. WHITE & SONS.**  
SOLE AGENTS FOR CHINA, HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO. Hongkong, 11th April, 1893. [702]

## INTIMATIONS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

**THE FINAL DIVIDEND** for the Year 1895, at the Rate of Fifty Cents per Share (or Fifty per Cent. on the Capital of this Company), will be PAYABLE at the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANK, Hongkong, on and after the 22nd inst., on WARRANTS to be obtained from the Underigned, Local Shareholders are requested to apply at the COMPANY'S OFFICE for their Warrants. The DIVIDEND will also be PAYABLE at the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANK, Shanghai, on presentation of WARRANTS there, on and after the same date.

By Order, A. H. MANOELL, Secretary. Hongkong, 22nd May, 1896. [1242]

**GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
**DEBENTURE ISSUE.**  
NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with the terms of the above issue, 50 Debentures of the above Company will be DRAWN for Redemption on MONDAY, the 8th June, 1896, at 12 o'clock NOON, at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, PRINCE CENTRAL, Victoria, Hongkong.

Debenture holders are entitled to be present at the Drawing on production of their Debentures. Dated this 30th day of May, 1896. SHEWAN & CO., General Managers. [1268]

**THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
**NOTICE** is hereby given that the SEVENTH ORDINARY EARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 22, QUEEN'S ROAD, on SATURDAY, the 20th June, at NOON, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st April, 1896, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to 20th June, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors, CHAS. F. HARTON, Acting Secretary. Hongkong, 3rd June, 1896. [1219]

**THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.**  
**NOTICE.**  
THE Certificate No. 788 for one Share numbered 5,238 standing in the Register in the name of NG CHEE EUT, having been stolen, notice is hereby given that unless the said Certificate be produced on or before the 14th July, 1896, a new Certificate for the said Share will be issued and the old Certificate will thereafter be held by the Society as null and void.

By Order of the Board of Directors, N. J. EDE, Secretary. Hongkong, 27th May, 1896. [1265]

**CLARET! CLARET!!**  
**MARGAUX,** per doz. qts. \$12.75.  
St. Julien (2 Crowns), per doz. qts. \$9.50.  
Per doz. qts. \$5.75.  
St. Julien (1 Crown), per doz. qts. \$7.00.  
Per doz. qts. \$4.00.

Quality will speak for itself. H. RUTTONJEE, 19, D'Aguiar Street, Hongkong, 2nd June, 1896. [1209]

**SERRAVALLO'S FERRUGINOUS QUININE**  
The Great Austrian Tonic

PERUVIAN BARK and IRON.  
Over 300 Medical Certificates notifying its great STRENGTH-GIVING PROPERTIES and at the same time being of an EXQUISITE TASTE.

Sole Agents for Hongkong A. S. WATSON & CO. Hongkong, 22nd May, 1896. [1234]

**CUTLER, PALMER & CO.'S**  
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**"SPECIAL BLEND" WHISKY.**  
Apply to SIEMSEN & Co., Hongkong. [1232]

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WINE SHIPPERS SINCE 1815.

Who have consigned their Brands to our care for over half a century. Apply to C. C. ANDERSON, Hongkong, 3rd June, 1896. [1231]

**NOTICE.**  
THE Underigned has to give Notice that he has now OPENED a Shop at No. 68, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, for the SALE of GOLD and SILVER WARE, SILK, CURIOS, &c., and he hopes to receive a share of the Public Patronage. All Orders carefully attended to.

W. H. BING, 68, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, 1st April, 1896. [1201]

**NOTICES OF FIRMS**  
**NOTICE.**  
LLOYD'S REGISTER OF BRITISH AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

ON and after this date the Business of LLOYD'S REGISTER OF BRITISH AND FOREIGN SHIPPING at the port of Hongkong will be CARRIED ON by the Underigned, to whom all communications should be addressed.

NEWMAN MUMFORD, Surveyor to Lloyd's Register of British and Foreign Shipping, 9, PRINCE CENTRAL, Hongkong, 1st June, 1896. [1208]

**NOTICE.**  
DURING my temporary absence from the Colony, Mr. J. V. VERNON will be IN CHARGE of my Business. ERICH GEORG, Sharebroker. Hongkong, 3rd June, 1896. [1217]

## INTIMATIONS.

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**The Daily Press.**

HONGKONG, JUNE 4th, 1896.

In connection with the Press Reclamation the question of the provision of wharves accommodation has been raised by one of our evening contemporaries, which seriously rates the Government for its alleged inaction and illiberality. "The Government," says the Telegraph, "is behaving so foolishly, so unsystematically, so illogically in the matter of new piers and wharves that one would think the object in view was to drive shipping from the place instead of to draw it hither." No evidence is adduced in support of this charge. The article then refers to the inadequate provision for the steam-launch and boat traffic, which is a separate matter, and then, coming back to the main subject, the questions are asked, "Are we to have an adequate supply of public wharves for the accommodation of the coast and river steamers erected and maintained at the expense of the colony, or are we to depend on individual effort for our requirements in that respect? Are the wharves to be at right angles to the Quay or parallel to it? Are they to be few or many, of wood or iron? How are they to be kept clean and free from dirt and smells?" Of these questions the first is the most important, and we think there can only be one answer to it, namely, that it is not desirable the Government should engage in the wharve business. The existing wharves for the accommodation of sea-going vessels are sufficient for present requirements, and when more are required it will be well to let private enterprise supply the want. It is true that private monopolies are usually more burdensome than Government monopolies, but in the present case no question of monopoly arises, and the requirements of the shipping are more likely to be satisfactorily met under the influence of competition than if the Government took into its own hands the administration of all the wharves and established Government wharve dues. If any scheme of that kind were adopted it would be absolutely necessary to establish a representative Harbour Board for the control and administration of the wharves, but even then the system, we are inclined to think, would not work so satisfactorily as the present one. The West Point Wharf and the Kowloon Wharves, now amalgamated, were constructed under special Ordinances, known respectively as Johnson's Wharves Ordinance and Chater's Wharves Ordinance. In these Ordinances we fail to find any trace of the illiberality alleged against the Government, and no

dent any marine lot holder who wished, either by himself or in conjunction with others as a public company, to engage in the wharve business, could by legislation obtain similar powers and rights to those conferred by the Ordinances named. Permission may also be obtained for the construction of private piers, and it is desirable that such permission should be granted on the most liberal terms possible consistently with the preservation of the rights of the public; but the question of what are liberal or illiberal terms may afford room for difference of opinion and it is not much use entering on its discussion until the terms to which objection is taken are stated. If it be granted that it is desirable that the colony should depend on individual effort for its requirements in the matter of wharve accommodation for sea-going vessels, then the questions of whether the wharves are to be at right angles to the Quay or parallel to it and whether they are to be of wood or iron may well be left for decision in each individual case as it arises. In some positions a wharf at right angles might be the better, and in others a parallel wharf; no hard and fast rule could be laid down. The question of wood or iron seems to concern principally the proprietors of the wharves and must depend on many conditions that can only be determined at the time of construction, such, for instance, as the relative prices of the two materials and the discovery of new or improved methods of protecting them from damage by water and marine insects. All things considered, we do not think any legitimate public grievance exists in respect of the policy, or absence of policy, of the Government in the matter of wharve accommodation for sea-going vessels.

With reference to the alleged inadequate provision for steam-launch and boat traffic pending the completion of the new Quay, we are inclined to think the fault lies not so much in the want of adequate provision as in the absence of adequate regulation. Within a few yards of New Pedder's Wharf there is another landing stage, which is very seldom used, though there is no reason why it should not be, except that people object to walk the extra distance and instead overpowered Pedder's Wharf. What is very much wanted is a wharf reserved exclusively for the Kowloon ferry traffic, and as a cognate subject may be mentioned the desirability of an improvement in the character of the boats by which the ferry is conducted. Designs for new ferry boats suitable for the service were got out some years ago and we believe are still to be found in the Dock Company's office. The scheme entertained at that time fell through, an arrangement being come to between the promoters and the proprietor of the "Star" launches. A more frequent and regular service resulted from that arrangement, but with the rapid development of Kowloon and the great increase in the traffic a larger and improved class of boat is called for. If the requirements in this direction were met, residence at Kowloon would become still more popular with European residents and the pressure upon the house accommodation on this side would be proportionately relieved. The Government could hardly, under any circumstances, insist upon the boats complying with a certain fixed standard, introducing a Bill in the Legislative Council with that object if the existing powers are insufficient. The suggestion that the Government should reserve wharves specially for this traffic which the ferry boats should be allowed the free use of under suitable conditions as to the regularity of service and the class of boat employed seems worthy of consideration, both as securing an improved ferry service and a better regulation of the traffic at the wharves. The police have lately succeeded in preserving much better order at New Pedder's Wharf than formerly prevailed, but the state of affairs even as it exists now leaves much to be desired and no credit to the colony.

The P. and O. steamer *Shanghai*, from China, arrived at London on the morning of the 3rd inst.

The N. P. & C. steamer *Trepan* has arrived at Yokohama, and sails for that port, via usual ports of call, to-day.

There were eight cases of plague yesterday. Two from the *Shanghai* and one from the *Trepan*, and five from Kowloon.

The O. & O. steamer *Doris*, with mails, &c., left Nagasaki for this port on the morning of the 3rd inst., at 8 a.m.

The M. M. steamer *Melbourne*, with the French mail of the 8th May, left Singapore on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at 5 p.m., and is expected here in a direct steamer, the 10th inst.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alliance Memorial and National Hospital begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the hospitals—

J. W. Brownan, £10  
E. W. Osborne, £10  
Geo. McRae, £5

The Secretary of the Union Mutual Co., Limited, advises us that he has received the following telegram from the miners, being the result of the clean up for May—"The will ran 26 days crushing 1,000 tons yielding 442 ozs. of snelled gold. Forty-two tons of concentrates were obtained for a yield of 75 ozs."

**REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.**

[SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS"]

LONDON, 2nd June.

**THE DISTURBANCE IN CRETE.**

Thirty-five battalions of Turkish regulars have been ordered to Crete. Many of the insurgents have retreated to the mountains and proclaimed the union of Crete with Greece.

**SOUTH AFRICA.**

Mr. Cecil Rhodes has arrived at Delagoa Bay.

**TAXATION OF FUNDS IN FRANCE.**

PARIS, 28th May.

The Chamber has decided to impose a tax of 43 per cent. on French and foreign funds.

**FRANCE AND THE CONVENTION OF THE CAIR.**

PARIS, 27th May.

M. Fauré has telegraphed to the Czar the sincere congratulations of France.

PARIS, 28th May.

The Czar has warmly thanked M. Fauré and expressed the joy he experiences at seeing France heartily united with Russia.

## [FROM ANKONIAN PRESS.]

FRANCE AND GERMANY.

London, 25th May.

In honour of the coronation of the Czar of Russia, the city of Paris has been specially decorated, and the French Minister of War has granted a day's leave to the troops, which he has at the same time remitted the sentences passed on offenders.

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M. Herbelot, the French Ambassador to Berlin, who has long been the subject of attack by the German papers, including especially the official organ of the Foreign Office, the *Cologne Gazette*, has been recalled. M. Desnolles has been appointed as his successor.

## SUPREME COURT.

June 4th.

IN APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. CARRINGTON (CHIEF JUSTICE) AND MR. T. SHERWOOD SMITH (ACTING JUSTICE).

**WONG WUI, APPELLANT, v. INSPECTOR OF PRISONS, RESPONDENT.**

This was an appeal against the decision of the Police Magistrate, whereby appellant was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment for bringing into the colony two girls for the purpose of prostitution.

Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C. (counsel for the appellant), and Hon. H. E. Pollock (Acting Attorney-General) appeared for the respondent, being instructed by Mr. A. B. Johnson (Crown Solicitor).

Mr. Francis said this was a motion for leave to appeal by way of bringing in the respondent before the Police Magistrate. The application was made under sections 104 and 105 of the Police Magistrate's Ordinance 10 of 1880 on the ground that there was not sufficient evidence before the Magistrate to support the conviction and there was abundant evidence on which he could have found the prisoner not guilty. The charge was that she unlawfully brought into this colony two girls, named Li and Tan, with intent to sell them for the purpose of prostitution, so that there were two alternative charges, and the offence charged was different from the offence charged in the indictment. The respondent was not even asked what she had to say in defence, and a copy of the finding, and so far as the depositions were concerned there was nothing in them in reference to a conviction. It was not until the woman was convicted. The depositions simply set out that the sentence was twelve months' labour, and it did not appear on the face of the depositions that there was any evidence on which the Acting Attorney-General said the conviction appeared on the first page of the depositions.

Mr. Francis—That is concocted and prepared at the Magistrate's office, and the evidence has been taken and after the depositions have been signed and put away by the clerks. That has nothing to do with the proceedings at all.

The Acting Attorney-General—There is the warrant of commitment on which the prisoner was sent to goal.

Mr. Francis—That has nothing to do with the depositions.

The Chief Justice—I think there ought to have been a note at the end of the depositions stating that there was a conviction. I think "twelve months' labour" is hardly formal enough.

Mr. Francis again complained that the finding was different from the offence charged.

The Chief Justice—I do not think that need arise in your argument.

Mr. Francis—I submit it is essential. I know nothing about any conviction except for the offences for which she was charged. I am not aware from the papers before me that she was found guilty of any offence. The warrant of commitment only gives the offence, and is not sent by the prisoner or by her advisers.

The Chief Justice—Why have you not been furnished with it?

Mr. Francis—It is one of these mysterious things. I was applied for a copy of the depositions and a copy of the conviction was sent with them. If there has been an alteration in the conviction I should like to see it.

The Lordship—You have the charge.

Mr. Francis—Yes, that on the 27th April.

The Lordship—In regard to that, how is it that there are two girls in the charge? Can you put two girls in a charge like that?

Mr. Francis—I can only admit that that seems to me to be irregular. There ought to have been two separate charges made, and two separate and distinct punishments imposed.

The Acting Attorney-General—The charge ought to have been only in one alternative and the conviction should have been in the alternative. The charge ought to have been in the alternative, and the conviction should have been in the alternative.

His Lordship—But we are not really concerned with the conviction. We are concerned with the charge. The charge is in the alternative, and the conviction is in the alternative.

Mr. Francis—No, except that the Chief Justice of the colony you are responsible for the administration of justice. Here is a Police Court passing a conviction, and you are responsible for the administration of justice. Here is a Police Court passing a conviction, and you are responsible for the administration of justice.

The Acting Attorney-General—In reply to the arguments of Mr. Francis, and with regard to the question raised as to the finding of the Magistrate being at variance with the charge as originally made, he would not ask their Lordships to refer to Ordinance 10 of 1880, which gave power to the Magistrate to convict on the evidence for an offence which was not identical to that mentioned in the charge.

His Lordship—I can only refer to that point, your Lordships, because I do not think it is on this motion.

After further argument their Lordships granted a hearing subject to the respondents bringing notice to this Court of the case of appeal, and that they would proceed with the hearing, otherwise the decision of the Magistrate would be quashed.

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